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CALIFORNIA TREASURER ANGELIDES, FORMER SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR WILLIE BROWN CALL ON CALPERS TO ADDRESS SUDAN INVESTMENTS

Treasurer Also Calls on CalSTRS to Join CalPERS in Probing Sudan Holdings

SACRAMENTO, CA – California State Treasurer Phil Angelides and former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, Jr. today called on their fellow members of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) board to ensure that the pension fund's investments in companies doing business in Sudan are not contributing to genocide and human suffering in the Darfur region of that country.

"As the nation's largest public pension fund, we have a responsibility as investors to ensure that companies we own are engaging in responsible corporate conduct. Moreover, we have a responsibility as world citizens to ensure that our investments are in no part contributing to the appalling human suffering taking place in Darfur," said Treasurer Angelides.

In a letter to the CalPERS Board of Administration, Angelides and Brown called on nation's largest public pension fund "to protect the safety of CalPERS investments and to ensure that the State's pension funds are not unwittingly supporting the unconscionable and horrific genocide in Darfur" by taking the following three actions:

- 1) CalPERS staff should provide to the Board a report identifying any companies in which CalPERS has holdings that have business operations in Sudan, including the exact nature of those business activities. The report should be made accessible to the public and should be presented to the CalPERS Investment Committee no later than its September 19, 2005 meeting.
- 2) CalPERS should take all necessary steps to ensure that companies in which CalPERS has holdings are not engaged in any business activities that in any way support genocide in Darfur, Sudan; including directly engaging with each company with the goal that they cease all such activities.
- 3) CalPERS should consider divesting from any company which does not cease such activities.



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The Treasurer, who also sits as a member of the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) board, called on the teachers' retirement fund to take similar action.

The country of Sudan has been torn apart by civil war, famine, and genocide in its Darfur region. An estimated 200,000 people have died from violence, disease, and starvation related to the Darfur conflict. In light of the widespread human suffering, Angelides and Brown said CalPERS should "take appropriate steps to ensure that our investments in companies doing business in Sudan are not contributing to the genocide and human suffering."

"California pensioners should not have to wonder if their pension money is linked to genocide. Treasurer Phil Angelides and Mayor Willie Brown have taken a positive step in a growing national movement to protect the people of Darfur," said U.S. Representative Barbara Lee (D-Oakland). Congresswoman Lee is the senior Democratic woman on the House International Relations Committee, where she serves on the Africa Subcommittee. In January she visited refugee camps along the Chad-Sudan border as part of a Congressional delegation and is a recognized leader in the effort to alleviate human suffering in Darfur, Sudan.

Angelides and Brown have previously requested that CalPERS prod companies in which CalPERS invests to provide information on their Sudan business operations and join with other major pension funds to obtain credible information on businesses operating in Sudan. CalPERS staff has begun to seek information from various companies reported to be doing business in Sudan, including ABB, Ltd., Alcatel, Royal Dutch/Shell Group, Siemens AG, and Total.

The State Legislature is also currently considering Assembly Concurrent Resolution 11, which would encourage CalPERS and the CalSTRS to press companies in which the funds invest to "act responsibly and not take actions that promote or otherwise enable human rights violations in the Sudan." Both CalPERS and CalSTRS have supported this resolution.

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Treasurer
State of California

August 8, 2005

Mr. Rob Feckner
Board President
California Public Employees' Retirement System
400 P Street
Sacramento, CA 94814

Mr. Charles Valdes
Chairman, Investment Committee
California Public Employees' Retirement System
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Dear Mr. Feckner and Mr. Valdes:

As you know, the people of Sudan are suffering through one of the worst human crises of our lifetime. The country has been torn apart by civil war, famine, and genocide in the Darfur region. In light of these events, it is important that the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) take appropriate steps to ensure that our investments in companies doing business in Sudan are not contributing to the genocide and human suffering.

In May, we requested that CalPERS prod companies in which CalPERS invests to provide information on their Sudanese business operations and join with other major pension funds to obtain credible information on businesses operating in Sudan.

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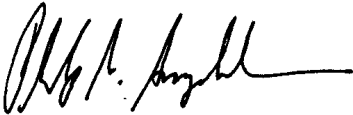
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To protect the safety of CalPERS investments, and to ensure that the State's pension funds are not unwittingly supporting the unconscionable and horrific genocide in Darfur, we request that CalPERS take the following actions:

- 1) CalPERS staff should provide to the Board a report identifying any companies in which CalPERS has holdings that have business operations in Sudan, including the exact nature of those business activities. The report should be made accessible to the public and should be presented to the Investment Committee no later than the September 19, 2005 meeting.
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- 3) CalPERS should consider divesting from any company which does not cease such activities.

We look forward to working with you on this important matter and discussing this issue at the September 19, 2005 Investment Committee meeting. Please feel free to contact us or Chief Deputy Treasurer Ted Eliopoulos at (916) 657-3218 if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



Phil Angelides
State Treasurer



Willie Brown, Jr.
CalPERS Board Member

cc: Honorable Board Members



PHILIP ANGELIDES
Treasurer
State of California

August 8, 2005

Ms. Carolyn Widener
Chair
California State Teachers' Retirement System
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Mr. Gary Lynes
Chairman, Investment Committee
California State Teachers' Retirement System
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Dear Ms. Widener and Mr. Lynes:

As you know, the people of Sudan are suffering through one of the worst human crises of our lifetime. The country has been torn apart by civil war, famine, and genocide in the Darfur region. In light of these events, it is important that the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) take appropriate steps to ensure that our investments in companies doing business in Sudan are not contributing to the genocide and human suffering.

In June, I requested that CalSTRS prod companies in which CalSTRS invests to provide information on their Sudanese business operations and join with other major pension funds to obtain credible information on businesses operating in Sudan.

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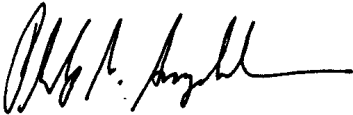
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- 1) CalSTRS staff should provide to the Board a report identifying any companies in which CalSTRS has holdings that have business operations in Sudan, including the exact nature of those business activities. The report should be made accessible to the public and should be presented to the Investment Committee no later than the September 7, 2005 meeting.
- 2) CalSTRS should take all necessary steps to ensure that companies in which CalSTRS has holdings are not engaged in any business activities that in any way support genocide in Darfur, Sudan; including directly engaging with each company with the goal that they cease all such activities.
- 3) CalSTRS should consider divesting from any company which does not cease such activities.

We look forward to working with you on this important matter and discussing this issue at the September 7, 2005 Investment Committee meeting. Please feel free to contact us or Chief Deputy Treasurer Ted Eliopoulos at (916) 657-3218 if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Angelides", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phil Angelides
State Treasurer

cc: Honorable Board Members